

## Westwood Environmental Advisory Committee

Monday December 17, 2012  
Minutes



**Attending:** Christine Blaney, Gregory Mountain (*Sec'ty*),  
Conor Odell, Michael Ruane (*Chair*), John Sciara

**Regrets:** Yash Risbud

**Guest:** Alfonse Carratura

Ruane called mtg to order at 7:40pm  
Minutes of previous mtg approved + seconded

### Green Team

Blaney reported on emails to Green Team members wrt Comm Garden issues  
little response, and what there was remained unclear or incomplete  
Mayor expressed concern wrt location of Comm Garden; EnCom needs follow-up clarification

### Community Garden

Ruane will prepare email to Mayor + others requesting clarification  
what are the concerns with currently selected location of Garden (SE crnr of Rec complex)  
is there a different location Council would prefer? why?  
what are the critical dates in getting started with Garden to be available in 2013?  
Blaney notes Stephanie provided helpful comments of Teaneck garden experience  
among other items: Teaneck engineering dept. manages the operation  
Ruane has 'best practices' outline from American Community Gardens Association  
<http://www.communitygarden.org/learn/starting-a-community-garden.php>  
he will amend, distill and distribute to EnCom for consideration  
he will also place ad in local papers announcing application for plots will soon be available  
Sciara commented  
topsoil may be needed to fill 4'x8' boxes above current grade  
vandalism/stealing could be issue; garden location near DPW easier to protect, oversee  
Alfonse raised issues for future consideration  
could there be an educational aspect involving local schools?  
showcase / testbed for rain barrels? hydroponics? alternative materials?  
Blaney noted many issues yet to be resolved  
who will set rules wrt when/what/how to plant? access? winter activity?  
much can't be known until the garden is actually installed  
residents may be discouraged if faced with long list of rules at start; this should evolve  
EnCom has role initiating/managing garden until volunteers + Boro can take over

### EnCom Membership

End of terms for Ruane, Mountain  
both offered to attend next meeting to aid continuity if replacements not available by then  
Sciara (Town Council liaison) is rotating off, to be replaced by Cindy Waneck

Next mtg: Jan 14  
Mtg. adjourned at 8:45pm